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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

In November, 1909, our Association distributed to members the first annual Review Of Labor Legislation. Its initial reception, re-inforced by a continual demand for additional copies, justifies the publication of a similar review for 1910.

In 1909, forty-two States met in legislative session. This year the number is but fifteen, two of which, Illinois and Oklahoma, held special sessions. The new laws of Louisiana, Georgia, Maryland and Ohio, were not available in published form when the copy for this pamphlet was sent to the printer, but, through the co-operation of members and public officials in those States, it is believed that complete reports have been furnished. Since the Vermont Legislature does not convene until October 10th, the record of its session could not be included here.

The first twenty-one pages of this review are devoted to a concise analysis of legislation under an alphabetical arrangement of the principal topics as given in the table of contents. The last three pages include an alphabetical arrangement of the fifteen States holding legislative sessions during the year 1910, with the briefest possible statement of the nature of the labor laws enacted. Federal legislation is also included.

This second annual review supplements and brings down to date our previous pamphlets on Woman's Work, Child Labor and so forth, and is issued in mid-summer in order that our members who are already preparing for the important legislative campaign of 1911, may have before them in convenient form a concise record of progress during the year 1910.

JOHN B. ANDREWS, *Secretary.*

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Labor Legislation of 1910

I. ANALYSIS BY SUBJECTS AND BY STATES

The labor laws enacted by the fifteen States holding legislative sessions in 1910 (except Vermont where the legislature does not convene until October 10th) are analyzed below in alphabetical order by subjects and by States, with chapter reference to the session laws of each State. Federal legislation is also included.

ADMINISTRATION OF LABOR LAWS

Insufficient attention has been given to the subject of the administration of labor law in this country, but it is now generally agreed that until our machinery for law enforcement is worked out on a more scientific basis, our labor legislation will continue to be lacking in effectiveness. An illustration of the effect of law wording upon administration is found in two New York measures providing protection from dust. Under the earlier act the law could not be enforced until it actually had been proven that the material thrown off by grinding and buffing wheels was technically "dust." The act of 1910 is so worded as to eliminate that cumbersome procedure. One of the most important acts of the year is the appointment of a commission in Massachusetts to recommend an effective and economical system of administration.

District of Columbia—(See under "Child Labor")

Massachusetts—Through the governor, a commission of five is appointed to study factory inspection as administered by the District Police and State Board of Health. A report must be made by January, 1911. The object is to discover overlapping of powers or absence of proper inspection, and to recommend improvements in the present system. \$5000 is appropriated for expenses. (C. 56). The inspection of industrial buildings as to needed sanitary arrangements, and the conduct of prosecutions for violation, are transferred from the District Police to the

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